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June 29, 2007

Via Overnight Mail

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X), Illinois Central Railroad Company
— Abandonment Exemption — in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of the Verified Notice of Exemption of Illinois Central Railroad Company dated June 29, 2007, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50. I am also enclosing a check in the amount of \$3,200.00, representing the appropriate fee for this filing.

One extra copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed as well. Please date stamp this copy to show receipt and return it to me in the enclosed envelope.

The Environmental and Historic Reports for this proceeding have already been filed with the Board. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

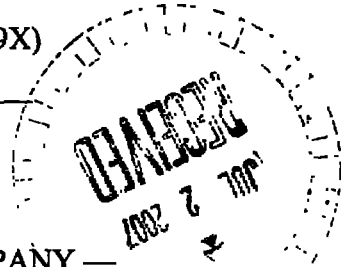
Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for
Illinois Central Railroad Company

Encls.

cc: Steven Edwards, Mississippi Department of Transportation

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-43 (SUB-NO. 179X)



ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY —
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION — IN OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**

Thomas J. Healey
17641 S. Ashland Avenue
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ATTORNEY FOR
ILLINOIS CENTRAL
RAILROAD COMPANY

Dated: June 29, 2007

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X)

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION -
IN RANKIN COUNTY, FLOWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**

Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") hereby submits this Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, to abandon its line of railroad in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi, referred to herein as the "Line" between milepost 70.20 and milepost 68.10, a distance of 2.10 miles.

In accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2), IC submits the following information:

General Corporation Information: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1)-(2)

IC is a Class I common carrier by rail which owns and operates approximately 2,550 miles of rail line in six Midwestern and south central states. IC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company. The complete name and address of IC is:

Illinois Central Railroad Company
17641 S. Ashland Avenue
Homewood, IL 60430-1345

Relief Sought: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(3)

Pursuant to the Board's class exemption for the abandonment of out-of-service rail lines, codified at 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, IC intends to abandon its line of railroad between Mileposts 70.20 and 68.10, a distance of approximately 2.10 miles in Flowood, Rankin County, Mississippi.

Map: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(4)

A map of the Line to be abandoned is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IC's Representative: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(7)

IC's representative to whom correspondence regarding this abandonment should be sent is:

Thomas J. Healey
17641 S. Ashland Avenue
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(708) 332-4381

ZIP Codes Traversed: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(8)

The portion of the Line to be abandoned traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Code 39232.

Qualification for Class Exemption: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b)

Per the certificate and verification attached hereto as Exhibit B, IC certifies that no local revenue traffic has moved over the portion of the Line to be abandoned for at least the last two years, there is no overhead traffic on the Flowood Trackage that would have to be rerouted over other lines, and no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the portion of the Line to be abandoned (or a state or local governmental entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service on the proposed abandonment is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant during the last two years.

Consummation Date: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

IC will not consummate the proposed abandonment any earlier than August 28, 2007.

Suitability for Other Public Purposes: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(e)(4)

The Line may be suitable as a trail or for use as a levee. IC does not believe that the right-of-way would be of interest to the State or any other entity as a highway or mass transportation line or other similar public use because it sits in a highly developed urban area with a mature roadway system. A substantial portion of Flowood trackage appears to be operating rights located on the property of a non-rail third party.

Labor Protection: 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(d)(2)

The level of labor protection applicable in rail line abandonment's is that established in *Oregon Short Line Co. — Abandonment — Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Certificate of Compliance with Notice Requirements: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

A certificate that the notice of requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152(d)(1) and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 have been complied with is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

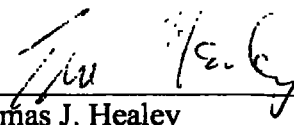
Environmental and Historic Report: 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8

An Environmental Report and Historic Report, prepared pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8, were already filed with the Surface Transportation Board in this proceeding.

Since submitting the Environmental Report and Historic Report, IC has received correspondence from the National Resource Conservation Service. They believe that the proposed abandonment will have no negative impact. See correspondence attached as Exhibit D.

If IC receives additional correspondence, it will forward copies to the STB.

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Thomas J. Healey
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(708) 332-4381

ATTORNEY FOR ILLINOIS CENTRAL
RAILROAD COMPANY

Dated: June 29, 2007

Illinois Central Railroad Company, Flowood, Mississippi

EXHIBIT A

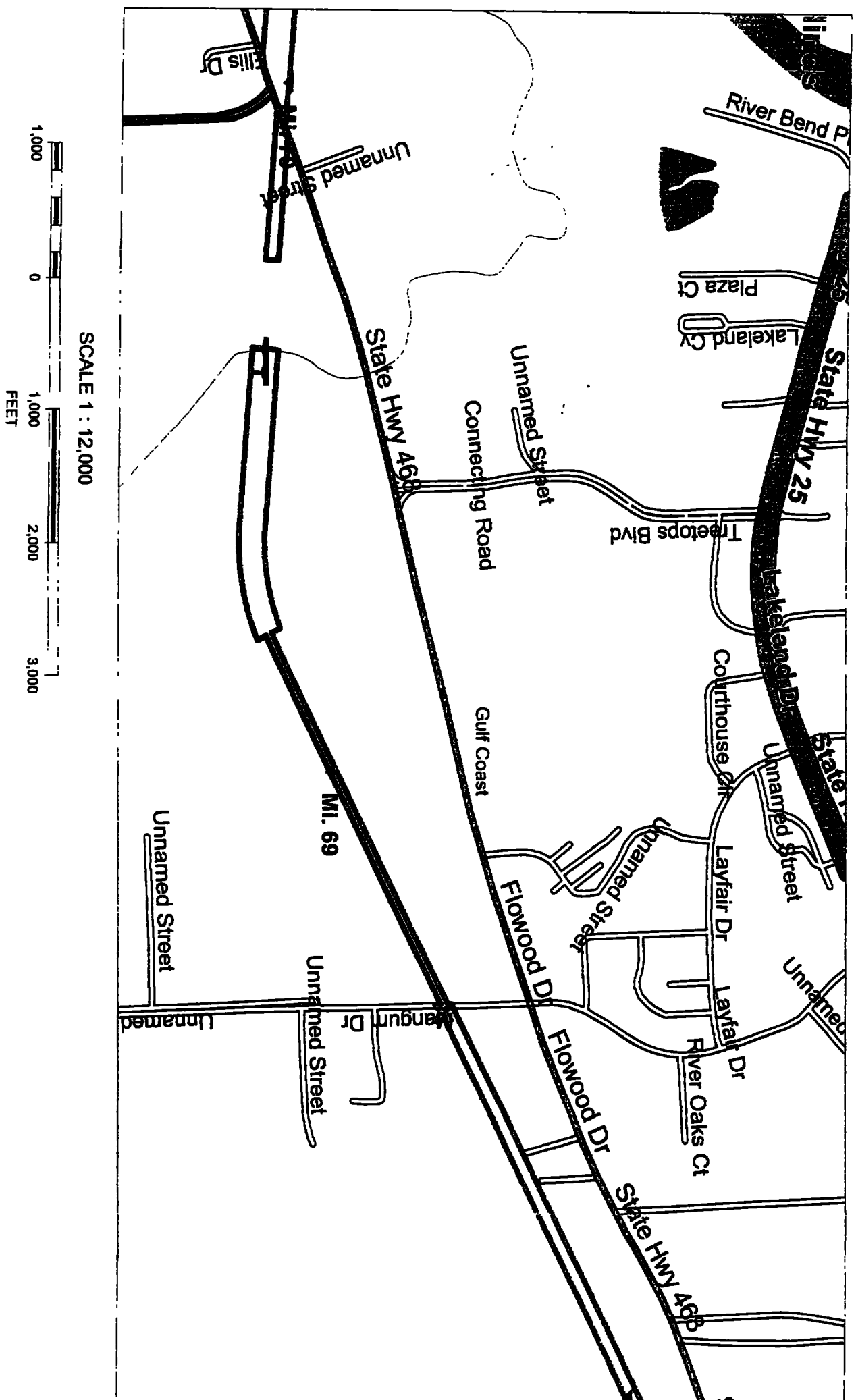


EXHIBIT B

DOCKET NO. AB-43 (SUB-NO. 179X)

**ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
— ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION —
IN RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

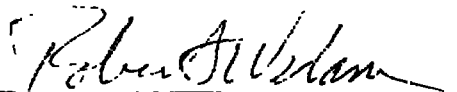
CERTIFICATE AND VERIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss
COUNTY OF COOK)

Robert M. Wedam, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That no local traffic has moved over the line of Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") from milepost 70.20 to 68.10, a distance of 2.10 miles in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi, for at least two years, and that there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted over other lines; and
2. That no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the subject line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line is either pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the last two years; and
3. That he has read the foregoing Notice of Exemption, knows the facts therein asserted, and that the same are true as stated.

Date: June 29, 2007


Robert M. Wedam
Senior Manager – Network Strategies
Illinois Central Railroad Company

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 29 day of
June, 2007.


Notary Public

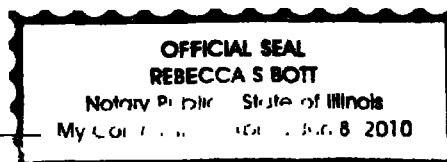


EXHIBIT C

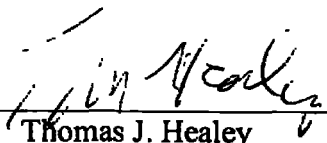
CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas J. Healey, an attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company, hereby certify that, for the proceeding before the Surface Transportation Board known as Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X), Illinois Central Railroad Company — Abandonment Exemption — in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi:

(1) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) have been complied with, to-wit: On June 1, 2007, written notice was mailed to the: (a) Mississippi Department of Transportation; (b) U.S. Department of Defense, MTMCTEA; (c) U.S. Department of Agriculture; and (d) National Center for Recreation and Conservation (copies of which are attached hereto as Attachments 1-4).

(2) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 have been complied with, to wit: On May 30, 2007, the Environmental Report and Historic Report for this proceeding, which reports have also been filed with the Surface Transportation Board, and the accompanying transmittal letters in the form set forth in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 (a sample of which is attached hereto as Attachment 5) were served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the parties listed on Attachment 6, which list includes the state historic preservation officer, as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b) and § 1105.11.

(3) A newspaper notice was published on May 1, 2007, in The Clarion-Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in Rankin County, Mississippi. The notice alerted the public to the proposed abandonment, to possible reuse alternatives, and to procedures for participating in the STB proceeding. A copy of the notice and Affidavit of Publication are attached to this Certificate as Attachment 7.



Thomas J. Healey

Dated: June 29, 2007



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June 1, 2007

Mr. Steven Edwards
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Administration Building
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Jackson, MS 39215-1850

Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X), Illinois Central Railroad Company
Notice of Exemption in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Edwards:

This is to inform you that pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuance of Service and Trackage Rights), Illinois Central Railroad Company shall on or after June 29, 2007, file a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board for approval to abandon approximately 2.10 miles of railroad line between milepost 70.20 and milepost 68.10 in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi. Such line runs through U.S. Postal Zip Code 39232.

The exemption procedures set forth in § 1152.50 are being used in this case because no local traffic has moved over this line for at least two years and any potential overhead traffic on this line can be rerouted over other lines. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

Sincerely,

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720 Thimble Shoals Blvd., Suite 130
Newport News, VA 23606-2574

Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X), Illinois Central Railroad Company
Notice of Exemption in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is to inform you that pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuance of Service and Trackage Rights), Illinois Central Railroad Company shall on or after June 29, 2007, file a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board for approval to abandon approximately 2.10 miles of railroad line between milepost 70.20 and milepost 68.10 in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi. Such line runs through U.S. Postal Zip Code 39232.

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Sincerely,

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June 1, 2007

Mr. Dale Bosworth
Chief, Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X), Illinois Central Railroad Company
Notice of Exemption in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Bosworth:

This is to inform you that pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuance of Service and Trackage Rights), Illinois Central Railroad Company shall on or after June 29, 2007, file a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board for approval to abandon approximately 2.10 miles of railroad line between milepost 70.20 and milepost 68.10 in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi. Such line runs through U.S. Postal Zip Code 39232.

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Sincerely,

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June 1, 2007

Mr. Thomas Ross
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Org. Code 2220
Washington, D.C. 20420

Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X), Illinois Central Railroad Company
Notice of Exemption in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Ross:

This is to inform you that pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuance of Service and Trackage Rights), Illinois Central Railroad Company shall on or after June 29, 2007, file a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board for approval to abandon approximately 2.10 miles of railroad line between milepost 70.20 and milepost 68.10 in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi. Such line runs through U.S. Postal Zip Code 39232.

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Sincerely,

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May 30, 2007

Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company Notice of Exemption for Abandonment - Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi - Docket AB-43 (Sub-No. 179X)

To Whom It May Concern:

Any time on or after June 29, 2007, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon a railroad line located between milepost 70.20 and milepost 68.10, a distance of 2.10 miles, in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi. Enclosed is an Environmental Report and a Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historical effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental and historical analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental and historic review process, please contact their Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), at the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001, (202) 245-0245, and refer to the above docket number.

IC will file the Environmental Report and Historic Report with the STB on or about May 30, 2007. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the STB (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and historical impact of the contemplated action.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned directly at (708) 332-4381 or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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Mr. Lester Spell, Jr., D.V.M.
Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce
121 N. Jefferson St.
Jackson, MS 39201

Mr. James Palmer, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

Mr. Jan Boyd, Director
Mississippi Coastal Program,
Dept. of Marine Resources
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Mr. Jay Bishop
County Board Supervisor
305 Government Street
County Courthouse
Brandon, MS 39042-0000

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6578 Dogwood View Parkway
Suite B
Jackson, MS 39213

US Army Corp of Engineers
Mississippi Valley Division
Public Affairs Office
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P.O. Box 80
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0080

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Ms. Pat Hooks, Regional Director
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Mr. Steven Edwards
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Mr. Kurt D. Shinkle
NOAA/National Geodetic Survey
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Mr. Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Jackson, MS 39269

Mississippi DNR Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks
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Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Office of Land and Water Resources
PO Box 10631
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MDAH Historic Preservation Division
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Mr. Murray Fulton
District Conservationist,
NRCS Service Center Office
Brandon Service Center
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Brandon, MS 39042-2573

Mr. Clarence Finley
Resource Conservationist, NRCS Area Office
Pearl Area Office
311 Airport Road S
Pearl, MS 39208-6650

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HINDS COUNTY**

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned notary public in and for Hinds County, Mississippi,

ANDREW WESTERFIELD

an authorized clerk of THE CLARION-LEDGER, a newspaper as defined and prescribed in Sections 13-3-31 and 13-3-32, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, who, being duly sworn, states that the notice, a true copy of which is hereto attached, appeared in the issues of said newspaper as follows:

5/1/2007

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Signed Andrew Westerfield
Authorized Clerk of
The Clarion-Ledger

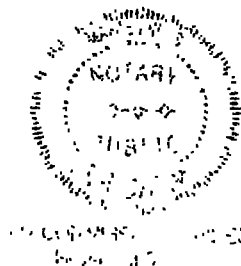
SWORN to and subscribed before me on 5/1/2007.

Marie Mills
Notary Public

MARIE MILLS

Notary Public State of Mississippi at Large. Bonded thru
Notary Public Underwriters

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ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD gives notice that on or after June 1, 2007, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152. Subpart F-Exempt Abandonments, permitting the abandonment of 2.10 miles of railroad line between milepost 70.20 and milepost 66.10 in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi, which line traverses through U.S. Postal Zip Code 38232. The proceeding will be docketed as AB-43 (Sub No. 179X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 28 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the SEA, Surface Transportation Board, 1825 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 565-1545.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 1825 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001 (See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)), and one copy must be served on applicant's representative. (See 49 CFR 1104.12(e)). Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trail use may be directed to the Commission's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (202) 565-1592. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Thomas J. Healey, (708) 532-4381 at 17641 S. Ashland Avenue, Homewood, IL 60430.

May 1, 2007

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Natural Resources Conservation Service
300 Community Way
Brandon, Mississippi 39042

Phone: 601.824-4601 Fax: 601.825-9662

June 4, 2007

Illinois Central Railroad
Attn: Mr. Thomas J. Healey
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Dear Mr. Healey,

I am writing in response to your letter I received May 5, 2007 concerning the abandonment of 2.10 miles of existing railroad line starting at MP 70.20 and ending at MP 68.10 in Rankin County, Flowood, Mississippi.

The project area does contain "Prime Farmlands". However, because this is an existing railroad corridor, your planned abandonment project should result in "no net loss" of prime farmland and therefore have no negative impact.

If you require more information please feel free to contact me at 602.824-4601 ext. 3.

Sincerely,

Murray Fulton
NRCS, District Conservationist
Rankin County Field Office
Brandon, Mississippi